

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL SANITATION IN KARNATAKA

PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka, seeking financial assistance for providing sanitation to the rural people in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the programme prepared by the State in this regard; and

(d) the assistance likely to be extended by the Union Government to the State for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI. ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has requested the Government of India in 1999-2000 to restore the subsidy of Rs.2000/- per unit for the construction of individual household latrines by families below poverty line during 9th Plan Period. The State Government has been implementing a programme called NIRMALA GRAMA YOJANA since 2.10.1995. The aim of this programme is to assist 30% rural population of the State (about 20 lakh families) to own individual household latrines. Under the said programme, all the rural families irrespective of whether they are below poverty line or above poverty line are encouraged to construct subsidised household latrines. Below poverty line beneficiary is paid subsidy of Rs.2000/- for construction of latrine. Above poverty line beneficiary is paid subsidy of Rs.1200/- for the same. The subsidy paid to the beneficiaries above poverty line is borne by the State Government. The State has provided a budget of Rs.15.00 crores for the year 2001-2002 for implementation of Nirmala Grama Yojana.

(d) Government of India has been providing funds to Government of Karnataka under Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme including Total Sanitation Campaign. Subsidy for individual household latrine per below poverty line family is Rs.500/- shared between the Government of India and Government of Karnataka at the rate of 75:25. During 2001-02, under Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme Rs.62.19 lakh have been allocated to Karnataka Government. Rs.31.10 lakh have been released as the 1st instalment. Besides, 3 Total Sanitation Campaign projects for the districts of Bellary, Mysore and Mangalore have been sanctioned in 1999-2000, in which Government of India share will be Rs.17.87 crores, out of which Rs.5.36 crores have been released. The State Government of Karnataka has been informed that the Government of India will have no objection if additional amount is spent by the beneficiary or the State Government on the construction of superstructure and/or of one extra pit. However, the Government of India subsidy will continue to be admissible with reference to the cost of the basic low cost unit as given in the Central Rural Sanitation Programme Guidelines and in no case will the overall quantum of Government of India subsidy exceed the admissible amount.